



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q86324

Noboru YAMAJI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/525,015

Group Art Unit: 1654

Confirmation No.: 5025

Examiner: Andrew D. Kosar

Filed: February 17, 2005

For: AN AGENT FOR INHIBITING ARTICULAR CARTILAGE EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX  
DEGRADATION

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one additional month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 27, 2006 from January 27, 2007 to February 27, 2007.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee difference of \$330.00 (\$450-\$120) and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Petition for one month Extension of Time fee of \$120 was previously paid on January 10, 2007. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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